GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2945
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2007
GRANT OF CITIZENSHIP
Maharia Shri Subhash

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated Pak migrants residing in Rajasthan ;

(b) the number out of them granted citizenship till-date ;

(c) whether power to grant citizenship has been delegated to State Governments ;

(d) if so, the details of conditions laid down for grant of citizenship ;

(e) whether the Government proposes to revise eligible criteria, affordable fee structure and extended the period of delegation of power to collectors; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(f) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2945 FOR 20.03.2007

(a) to (f): The powers for granting Indian citizenship by registration to Pak nationals of Hindu minority community displaced consequent to the wars between India and Pakistan in the years 1965 and 1971 have been delegated to the State Governments of Rajasthan and Gujarat with effect from 28.02.2004 to 27.02.2007.The conditions for grant of citizenship are as laid down in the Citizenship Act, 1955 and Rules made there under.

There is no specific information available with this Ministry regarding the number of Pak migrants residing in Rajasthan. As per the available information, with effect from 28.02.2004 to 28.02.2006, 12,017 persons have been granted Indian citizenship by the State Government of Rajasthan under the delegated powers.No centralized data is maintained regarding State-wise details of Indian citizenship granted.

There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to revise the eligibility criteria, fee structure and extend the period of delegation of powers to the State Governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan.